

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)
U.S. Appln. No.: 10/030,451

REMARKS

This Amendment obviates the rejections of record and clarifies the invention.

Modifications to the independent claims are not deemed to narrow the scope of the claims.

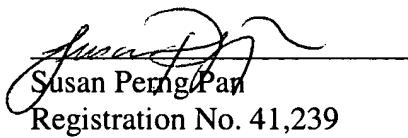
Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that claims 1-23 are in condition for allowance.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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